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16 Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject
17 application. **Claims 1-39** are pending.

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20 Applicant has submitted a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131, and now
21 submits supporting documentation to evidence that the invention was conceived in
22 the United States prior to the September 15, 1998 filing date of U.S. Patent No.
23 6,219,653 B1 to O'Neill et al (hereinafter, "O'Neill"). The Office in the office
24 action of March 11, 2003 has pointed out that such supporting documentation was
25 not received.



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